

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 – 21 are pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 22 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject-matter, which Applicant regards as the invention. More specifically, the Examiner has rejected claims 22 and 23 because each claim recites the word “magnitude”, which the Examiner asserts is not defined in the specification and is therefore unclear as to what is meant.

Applicant notes that claims 22 and 23 have been cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject-matter contained therein. Accordingly, the rejections have been rendered moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuroda (U.S. Pat. No. 5,794,170). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As noted above, claim 22 has been cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject-matter contained therein. Accordingly, the rejection has been rendered moot.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 23 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of Kondo (U.S. Pat. No. 5,655,995) and further in view of Kuroda (U.S. Pat. No. 5,794,170). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As noted above, claim 23 has been cancelled herein, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject-matter contained therein. Accordingly, the rejection has been rendered moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT-MATTER

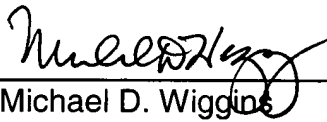
The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 3 – 21 are allowable. Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing the allowable subject-matter of claims 1 and 3 – 21 and look forward to receiving the corresponding Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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